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1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL B, EMBASSY CONTACTED OFFICE OF MR. WOOD OF DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE, WHO ACCORDING TO REFTEL WAS INVESTIGATING QUESTION OF TARIFF CLASSIFICATION OF AMERICAN FOTOLUX PHOTO ALBUMS AT REQUEST OF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. WOOD HAD IN FACT JUST RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND HAD NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO INITIATE ACTION, BUT UNDERTOOK TO DO SO.
 2. AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS, AFTER LOOKING INTO QUESTION AT DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE REQUEST, CONCLUDED THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO SEE ALBUM ITSELF, AND CABLE IS BEING SENT TO AMERICAN FOTOLUX REQUESTING ALBUM. DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE AT THIS STAGE IS TRANSFERRING FULL ACTION RESPONSIBILITY TO CUSTOMS, WITH MR. K. DANIEL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TARIFF CONTROL, BEING RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL.
 3. PRINTED MATTER POSTAL CLASSIFICATION, ALSO CITED IN REFTELS AND CONGRESSIONAL LETTER, APPEARS TO BE QUITE DISTINCT FROM TARIFF CLASSIFICATION AND TO BE MATTER FOR ATTENTION ONLY OF U.S. POSTAL AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT DETERM-
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- INATION AS TO WHETHER MAILING QUALIFIES AS PRINTED MATTER, AND IS THEREBY ELIGIBLE FOR LOWER POSTAL RATE, IS MATTER EXCLUSIVELY FOR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. SINCE APPARENTLY NO ALBUMS ARE BEING MAILED FROM AUSTRALIA, THIS IS NOT A MATTER WITHIN JURISDICTION OF AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES.
4. EMBASSY IN ITS MARCH 1 INTERIM REPLY TO CONGRESSMAN GURGENER

SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF AMERICAN FOTOLUX COULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS AS TO VARIOUS TARIFF CLASSIFICATIONS AND RATES TO WHICH ITS ALBUMS HAVE BEEN SUBJECT. ALTHOUGH AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS IS GETTING AROUND ABSENCE OF THIS INFORMATION BY STARTING FROM SCRATH WITH EXAMINATION OF ALBUM, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT COULD STILL BE USEFUL IF THIS INFORMATION WERE TO BE SUPPLIED TO EMBASSY.
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